

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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## REPORT INFORMATION:

1994 Ebright, C.A.  
Phase I and II Archeological Survey and Testing of the Aud Site (18ST634) Maryland Routes 5 and 246 Wetland Mitigation Area St. Mary's County, Maryland.  
Submitted to the Maryland State Highway Administration  
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## Research Firm/Institution:

Maryland State Highway Administration  
2323 W. Joppa Rd.  
Brooklandville, MD 21022

## Sites examined:

18ST634

NRHP Eligible: ☒

[Justification](#)

## Project Details:

Phase I ☒

Phase II ☒

Phase III

### Project Justification:

The 22.3 ha (55 acre) Aud property was selected by the State Highway Administration (SHA) as a proposed wetland mitigation site in response to wetland loss incurred during modifications to Maryland Routes 5 and 246. Intensive Phase I archeological investigations were undertaken by SHA personnel in March of 1993. Phase II analysis was conducted in July and August of 1993 in order to fully evaluate the integrity of the archeological deposits.

### Project Objectives:

- Establish the potential of the project area to contain archeological resources.
- Identify any resources within the project area.
- Determine the vertical extent of the archeological deposits.
- Identify the cultural and temporal affiliations of the components.
- Determine the origin of the oyster shell on the site.
- Determine the significance of the site with reference to the National Register criteria.
- Provide a management assessment for possible Phase III data recovery.

## Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18ST634.

## REPORT INFORMATION:

1996 Reeve, S.A. and Siegel, P.E.  
Phase III Data Recovery at the Aud Site (Site 18ST634) St. Mary's County, Maryland.  
Submitted to the Maryland State Highway Administration  
Library ID No: 00006524 Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 141

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## Sites examined:

18ST634

NRHP Eligible: ☒

[Justification](#)

## Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III ☒

### Project Justification:

The Phase I/II excavations conducted at the Aud Site (18ST634) clearly indicated that intact prehistoric deposits remained in the subsoil despite plowing of the site. Therefore, Phase III mitigation of the site was recommended and commenced in the fall of 1994.

### Project Objectives:

- Clarify the chronology at the site.
- Clarify the paleoenvironmental setting of the area.
- Clarify the adaptive strategies employed by the occupants.

## Research Potential:

The material culture from the Aud Site (18ST634) indicates that it was occupied throughout most of prehistory in Southern Maryland. Occupational intensity increased dramatically by the Early Woodland period. The front pasture of the site appeared to be primarily limited to Late Woodland occupations while the rear pasture produced evidence for Archaic through Woodland occupations. The diversity of lithic types suggested a curated tool assemblage that was not primarily oriented to hunting. The site likely served repeatedly as a seasonal residential camp, probably occupied by a few families who exploited specific estuarine-wetland habitats. The Aud site is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion D. The site has the following prehistoric themes identified in the "Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan": environmental adaptation, settlement, and technology.

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